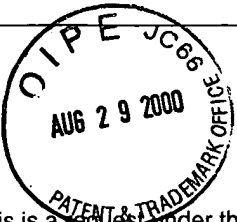
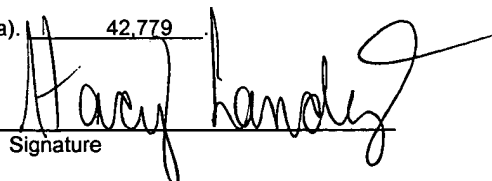
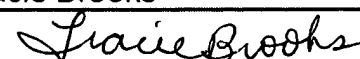


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional) 14-003100US																	
	In re Application of Joseph A. Monforte, et al.																		
	Application Number: 09/139,386		Filed: August 25, 1998																
	For PRIMERS USEFUL FOR SIZING NUCLEIC ACIDS (as amended)																		
	Group Art Unit 1653		Examiner: J. Tung																
<p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application.</p> <p>The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"><tr><td style="width: 15%;"><input type="checkbox"/></td><td style="width: 55%;">One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))</td><td style="width: 15%; text-align: right;">\$ 110</td><td rowspan="5" style="width: 15%; vertical-align: top; text-align: center;"><div style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">RECEIVED</div><div style="margin-top: 10px;">SEP 05 2000</div><div style="margin-top: 10px;">TECH CENTER 1600/2900</div></td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ 380</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td><td>Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ 870</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$1360</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$1850</td></tr></table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27, therefore the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____.</p> <p>A small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> has already been filed in this application.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>50-0893</u>. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.</p> <p>I am the <input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> applicant.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a)</p> <p style="margin-left: 150px;">Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a): <u>42,779</u></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"><div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;"><u>8-23-00</u> Date</div><div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;"> Signature</div></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"><div style="width: 45%;"></div><div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;"><u>Stacy Landry, Reg. No. 42,779</u> Typed or printed name and Reg. No.</div></div>				<input type="checkbox"/>	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$ 110	<div style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">RECEIVED</div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;">SEP 05 2000</div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;">TECH CENTER 1600/2900</div>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$ 380	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$ 870	<input type="checkbox"/>	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1360	<input type="checkbox"/>	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$1850
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